

CONVERSATION

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Reduced Rate Financing Opportunity - Ag-LINK N.O.W.

Ag-LINK N.O.W. (Northwestern Ohio Watersheds) is a linked deposit program providing reduced rate financing for Ohio farms to help offset the high cost of designing and building livestock manure containment structures and/or purchasing manure handling equipment. The program was developed in response to recent legislation that addresses toxic algae blooms in Lake Erie that in part can result from manure runoff if applied on frozen, snow-covered, or saturated ground. Ag-LINK N.O.W. will assist Ohio's agricultural community in the Northwestern Ohio Watersheds, also known as the Western Lake Erie Basin, to comply with the new restrictions on manure application. For more information and forms, check out the website: www.tos.ohio.gov/aglinknow.

How does Ag-LINK N.O.W. work?

The program offers up to 3% reduced interest rate on loans up to \$500,000.00 used to design and build manure containment structures and/ or purchase manure handling equipment that would assist in complying with the new restrictions on manure application on frozen, snow-covered, or saturated ground or under certain weather conditions. This program is specifically designed to assist small and medium livestock operations (as defined by ODA, Chapter 903), that have land or facilities in watersheds in the WLEB.

The Borrower or Lenders can complete and submit applications. Until the online application is available download and complete the application, (for best results use the fillable PDF application form, save it for your reference), then send the application to the Economic Development department as described below. When an eligible participant's application is accepted, the Ohio Treasurer's office purchases an investment with the financial institution using 2 two year CDs back-to-back. In turn, the lender lowers the interest rate on the loan according to the rate reduction established by the Treasurer's office.

Goal

Ag-LINK N.O.W. will assist Ohio's agricultural community in the Northwestern Ohio Watersheds, also known as the Western Lake Erie Basin, to comply with the new restrictions on manure application on frozen, snow-covered or saturated ground or under certain weather conditions.



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Upcoming Events

January 26

Monthly Board Meeting 10:00 a.m.
Agronomy Night 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Ottawa K of C *Location Change*

February 15

President's Day - Office Closed

February 23

Monthly Board Meeting 10:00 a.m.

March 4

Tree Sale Orders Due

March 19

Farmers Care Breakfast 8:00 a.m.
Glandorf Community Center

March 22

Monthly Board Meeting 10:00 a.m.

Our office continues to administer the Blanchard River Maintenance Program. The staff has been working with a crew from Tawa Tree Service of Ottawa, OH to remove logjams from the water and cut selective leaning trees from along the river banks. The work began in early December 2015 at the Hancock/Putnam County line and will continue downstream as weather permits. At the present time, the crew has made it to the west side of Ottawa where wet weather has the work suspended until soil and river conditions improve. As always, thank you to the landowners along the river for their willingness to allow the soil and water staff and contractor's crews to perform the needed work.



● SAVE THE DATE ● AUGUST 13, 2016 ●

AG TOUR 2016

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* *Education*

* *Celebration*

**Bus Tour around
Putnam County
highlighting current
agricultural practices.**

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2015 SHARP Yield Checks

CROP AVERAGES		BUSHLES/AC	MOISTURE	TEST WEIGHT
WHEAT	Conventional-Till	57.2	12.6%	53.2
	No-Till	54.5	12.7%	53.2
	No-Till w/ Cover Crops	54.9	12.7%	53.2
SOYBEANS	Conventional-Till	70.3	13.7%	56.1
	No-Till	69.7	13.7%	56.1
	No-Till w/ Cover Crops	70.3	14.0%	56.3
CORN	Conventional-Till	143.00	22.7%	54.4
	No-Till	164.9	24.0%	53.4
	No-Till w/ Cover Crops	165.80	24.7%	53.1

Putnam SWCD Scholarship

Putnam SWCD is offering a Scholarship to High School Seniors in Putnam County. Applications can be picked up at the Soil and Water Office during business hours or through your high school guidance counselor.

Applicants must have a 2.5 high school grade point average, be enrolled for the 2016 fall semester at a 2 or 4 year college institution, and also major in agriculture, natural resources, environmental science, or a closely related field.

Applications are due **April 15, 2016**



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2016 TREE SALE

TREE VARIETIES

NO.

PRICE

TOTAL

Evergreen Seedlings – Pack of 10

10 Colorado Blue Spruce

\$ 8.00

10 Norway Spruce

\$ 8.00

10 Scotch Pine

\$ 8.00

10 Austrian Pine

\$ 8.00

10 White Pine

\$ 8.00

10 American Arborvitae

\$ 8.00

Evergreen Transplants – Sold Individually

NEW!!

1 Colorado Blue Spruce

\$ 2.00

1 American Arborvitae

\$ 2.00

Hardwood Seedlings – Sold Individually

1 Black Walnut

\$ 2.00

1 Red Oak

\$ 2.00

1 Sugar Maple

\$ 2.00

1 Red Maple

\$ 2.00

1 Sweetgum

\$ 2.00

1 Eastern Redbud

\$ 2.00

1 Pink Lady Winterberry

\$ 2.00

1 Tulip Poplar

\$ 2.00

TOTAL ORDER

\$ _____

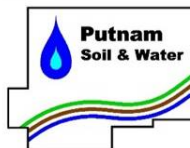
All Prices Include Sales Tax

NAME _____ **TELEPHONE** _____

ADDRESS _____ **CITY** _____

All orders and checks due **March 4, 2016** payable to:

Putnam SWCD
1206 E. Second St. Suite 2
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(419) 523-5159



Tree Sale Q & A

When will trees come in? Pick Up Location/ Times?

- Trees will be delivered to the office around the second week in April. (Depending on weather)
- Pick Up will be held at the office. We will have extended hours from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. We will send postcards with info.

How old/big are the trees?

- Most trees average around the height of 8" - 10" tall and are 3-4 years old.

What is the difference between a seedling and a transplant?

- A seedling is grown in a seedling bed for all 4 years. A transplant is in the seedling bed the first 2 years, then transplanted into a bigger bed for another 2 years.

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Farmers Care Breakfast

March 19th
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Everyone is invited the 6th annual breakfast featuring pancakes, locally raised eggs, sausage, Danishes, coffee, milk and orange juice. No reservation needed; we will serve until we are out of food! Come and enjoy a great opportunity to learn more about agriculture in Putnam County.

Breakfast will be served at the
Glandorf Community Center cafeteria
(old elementary school)



2016 Recycling Schedule

Weekly Bin Schedule

Kalida - 1st full week of month

Continental - 2nd week

Leipsic - 3rd week

Columbus Grove - 4th week

** Bins are always open daily
at Walmart parking lot **